

Did You Know?

The world's oldest lighthouse is the LaCoruna in Spain, built in 20 BC.

The tallest lighthouse ever built was the Pharos of Alexandria in Egypt at 450 feet.

The tallest lighthouse still standing is located in Yokohama, Japan, at 348 feet.

The oldest lighthouse in the U.S. is Sandy Hook in New Jersey, built in 1764, it is a wooden structure, and is still in operation.

The tallest lighthouse in the U.S. is Cape Hatteras in North Carolina, at over 190 feet. It is a well known "day maker" due to its diagonal stripes.

Michigan is the state with the most lighthouses with over 110.

The Statue of Liberty was the first U.S. lighthouse to use electricity in 1886.

The first lighthouse built along the U.S. west coast was in 1854, at Alcatraz, in the San Francisco Bay, California.

Oregon's first lighthouse was the original Umpqua River built in 1857. It was destroyed in a flood just a few years later.

Test Your Knowledge

The Pharos of Alexandria was built in 270 BC, and Little Brewster Island Lighthouse was built in 1716. How many years before Little Brewster Island was built was Pharos of Alexandria built?

If a keeper walks up 90 of 114 steps of the lighthouse, how many are remaining?

Name one type of early beacon used before lighthouses.

Which state has the most lighthouses?

What agency is called the modern Lighthouse Service?